

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. Original Claims 1-9 have been currently amended, and new Claims 10-12 have been added. Claim amendments were made relative to original Claims 1-9, as filed. Support for the amended and new claims can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. Particular support for amended Claim 1 can be found in original Claim 1, and on pages 8, 12, 13 and 17-21 of the specification. Particular support for amended Claims 2-9 can be found in the respective original claims. Particular support for new Claim 10 can be found in original Claim 5 and on page 15 and 17-21 of the specification. Particular support for new Claims 11 and 12 can be found in original Claims 3 and 4, respectively. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the amended and new claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is now in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

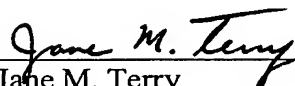
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